

REMARKS

In reviewing the Amendment filed January 28, 2004, Applicants noted that subject matter in claims 24 and 33 had inadvertently been omitted. The present amendment adds the omitted subject matter. The error is regretted.

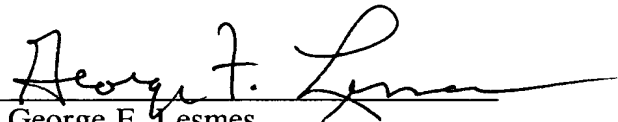
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 838-6683 at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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